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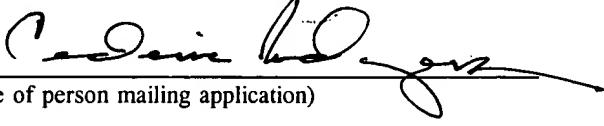
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Attorney Docket No. MHG-05

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of inventor(s): **Mark H. Greenwood, Mariann C. Straub and Gabriel Rodriguez, Jr.**

and entitled: **DETACHABLY INTERCONNECTED HANDLE AND PAINT BRUSH**

### I. Type Of Application

This application is:

an original (nonprovisional) application.  
 a divisional of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a continuation of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.  
 The prior application is assigned of record to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Enclosed Application Elements are:

A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter,  
 specification (including claims and abstract) containing pages 1-73)  
 drawings:  1 copy of  sheet(s) of formal drawings, OR  
 1 copy of 24 sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1-50).  
 an executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, OR  
 an unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, OR  
 a copy of an executed declaration or oath including power of attorney from a priority application,  
 Applicant claims small entity status, See 37 CFR 1.27.  
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 nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence  
a.  computer readable copy  
b.  paper copy  
c.  statement verifying above copies

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3. Enclosed Accompanying Application Parts are:

Preliminary Amendment  
 Claim cancellations are indicated in Preliminary Amendment  
 one itemized, stamped, and self-addressed postcard for the PTO Mail Room date stamp.  
 Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and copies of the citations therein.  
 Request and Certification Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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For:	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate
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Total Claims	32 - 20	= 12	x \$ 18 =
Independent Claims	8 - 3	= 5	x \$ 80 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented (if applicable)			+ \$270 =
			Subtotal
			\$ 1,326
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Greenwood, Mark H.
Title	Detachably Interconnected Handle and Paint Brush
Atty Docket Number	MHG-05

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

APRIL 12, 2001

Date



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